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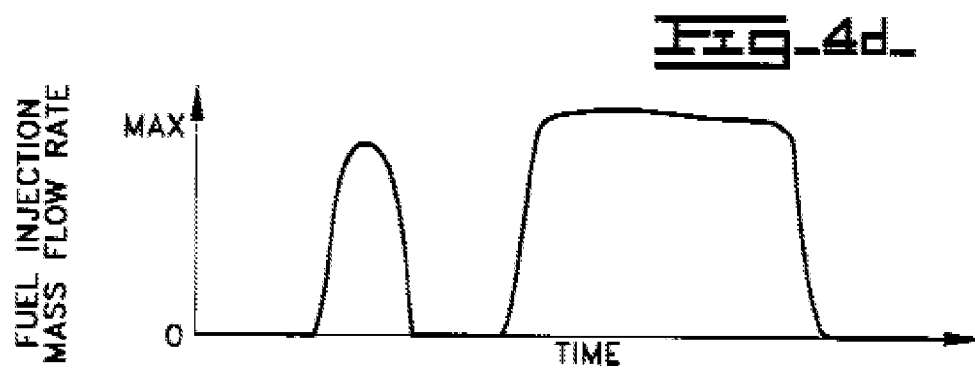
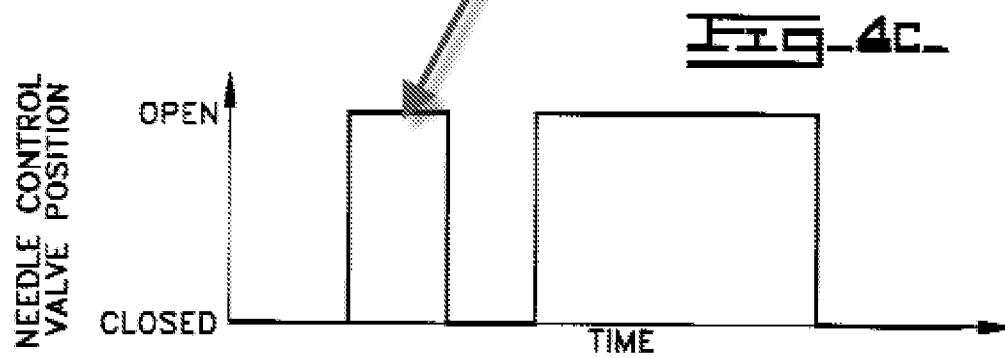
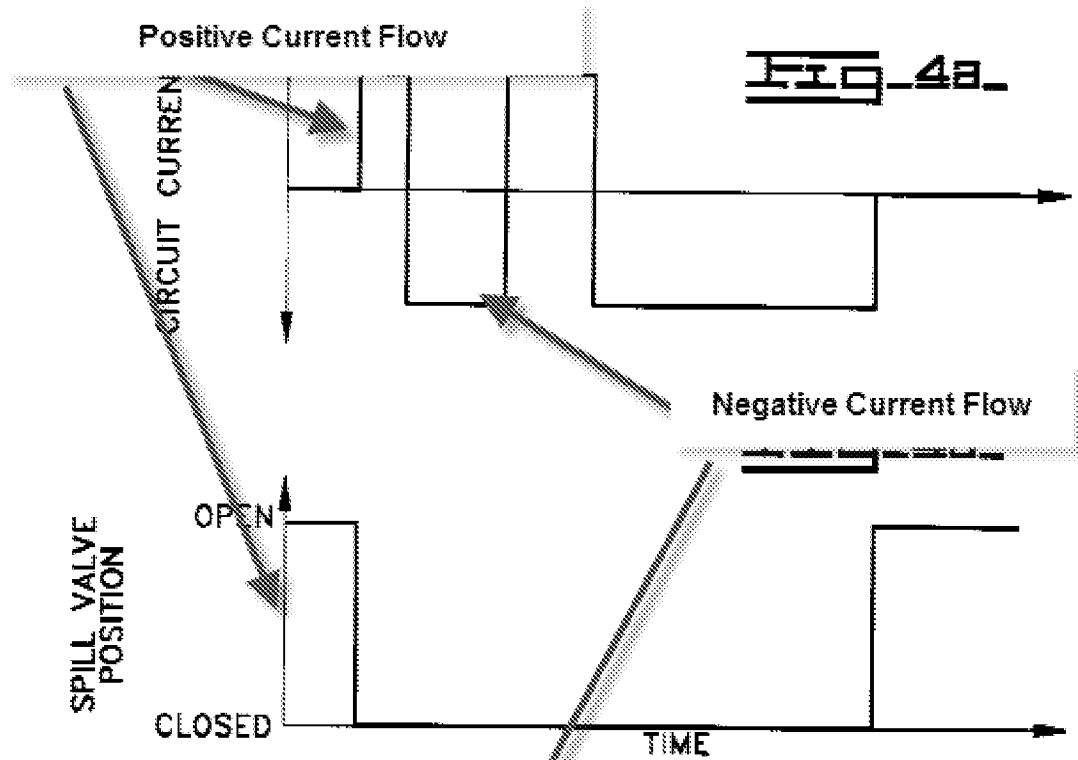
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Examiner's Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 1/11/2011 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

With regards to Applicant's arguments on Pages 1 and 2 regarding the first and second drive current signal, Examiner does not concur. The Coldren et al. reference uses a positive and negative current flow to actuate the spill valve and needle valve independently. In Figure 4, the negative current flow is followed by the positive current flow as shown in Figure 4a. As discussed on Col. 1, Lines 55-60, the cited reference discusses two distinct and independent drive signals (i.e. negative and positive signal) and in Applicant's claimed language, the first drive signal is the positive current signal and the second drive signal is the negative drive signal. As such, the cited reference reads on Applicant's claimed subject matter.



Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KEITH COLEMAN whose telephone number is (571)270-3516. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5.

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